z%tb September THE EAJELL OF ESSEX RETURNS

The Earl of Essex is suddenly returned to London This morning, about 10 o'clock, he lighted at the court gate at Non-such in post and made all haste up to the presence, and so to the privy chamber, and stayed not till he came to the Queen's bed-chamber, where he found the Queen newly up, her hair about her face He kneeled unto her, kissed her hands and her neck and had some private speech with her, which seemed to give him great contentment, for coming from her Majesty to go shift himself in his chamber, he was very pleasant and thanked God that though Le had suffered much trouble and storms abroad he found a sweet calm at home 'Tis much wondered at that he went so boldly to her Majesty's presence, she not being ready, and he so full of dirt and mure, that his very face was full of it

About 11 he was ready and went up again to the Queen and conferred with her till half an hour after 12 As yet all was well, and her usage very gracious towards him He went to dinner and during all that time discoursed merely of his travels and journeys in Ireland, of the goodness of the country, the civilities of the nobility that are true subjects, of the great entertain-ment he had in their houses, of the good orders he found there He was visited frankly by all sorts, of Lords, ladies and gentle-men , only a strangeness was observed between him and Mr, Secretary and that party

Then he went up to the Queen but found her much changed in that small time, fgr she began to call him to question for his return, and was not satisfied in the manner of his coming away, and leaving all things at so great hazard She appointed the Lords to hear him, and so they went to Council in

the afternoon, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord North, Mr Secretary and Mr Controller , and my Lord went with them, where they sat an hour But nothing is determined or yet known , yet all the Lords are sent for to be at Court to-morrow.

The manner of his departure was thus An hour before he came away, he called the Council at Dublin before him and acquainted them with his resolution He committed the Sword to the Lord Chancellor and the Treasurer, and the command o£ the army to the Earl of Ormond. There are come